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9-40 a.m. SRI P. G. MANICKAM: கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கடந்த மே மாதம் 23-ந் தேதி கோயம்புத்தூருக்கு விஜயம் செய்த இந்திய சர்க்கார் உள் நாட்டு மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ தத்தார் கிராமங்களில்தான் ஹரிஜனங்களுடைய நிலைமை மிகவும் மோசமாக இருக்கிறதென்றும், அவர்களுடைய நிலைமையை சீர்படுத்துவதற்கு இந்திய சர்க்கார் 60 லட்சம் ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கியிருப்பதாகவும் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். அதுவும் பிரசாரத்தின் மூலம் அவர்களுடைய நிலைமையை சரிப்படுத்துவதற்காக இந்தப் பணம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார். தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்புப் பிரசாரம் கிராமங்களில் தான் நடைபெறவேண்டும். ஆனால் நமது சர்க்கார் இதற்காக ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் பணத்தைக் கொண்டு வேறு சில திட்டங்களை வகுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதைவிட்டு கிராமங்களில் தீண்டாமை ஒழிப்புப் பிரசாரத்திற்காகவே இந்தப் பணத்தைச் செலவிட முன் வருவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: போட்டிருக்கும் திட்டங்கள் எல்லாம் கிராம மக்களின் நன்மையைக் குறித்துத்தான் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஸ்ரீ தத்தார் சொன்னதும் இதுதான்.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any direction has been received from the Central Government as to the methods that this State Government will have to adopt for the removal of untouchability? Are the Government aware of the fact that the method adopted by the State Government is not useful in any way? If so, will the Government consider the need for devising better ways and means through which the status of the Harijans could be raised and improved?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Sometime ago, I placed on the table of the House a scheme submitted by the Government of Madras to the Government of India for the removal of untouchability. If there are any other suggestions that the hon. Member wants to make apart from the suggestions that we have already made, he can make them and we will see whether they could also be included in the suggestions that we may be making to the Government of India in course of time.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Has the Hon. Minister tried the matrimonial method in its practical form? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Inter-caste marriages are encouraged during Harijan Day celebrations in every district and every taluk. But it is not included in the scheme.

*Kadambarayapatti-South Kolatoor-Manaparai road*

* 2609 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the full length of Kadambarayapatti-South Kolatoor-Manaparai Road had been laid before sanction was accorded for metalling it;

(*b*) whether any objections and representations have been received against the metalling of the above road in (*a*) from the residents of adjoining villages;

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*d*) the alternate route proposed by the objectors?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) The alternative alignment proposed by the objectors was from Kadambarayapatti to mile 13/4 of Pudukkottai-South Kolathur Road *via* Poikudippatti. The Government carefully considered the matter in consultation with the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and the Chief Engineer (Highways) and they found that there was no convincing reason to change the original alignment of the road from Kadambarayapatti to connect Pudukkottai-South Kolathur Road at 15th mile. Instructions were, therefore, issued to proceed with the work of metalling the road formed along the original alignment.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, Sri M. Bhaktavatsala Mudaliar, who is also a Minister for so many other powerful portfolios concerned himself in any way with this road metalling controversy?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : All are responsible for all these things.

*Dalmiapuram Railway Station*

* 2610. *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR : I do not propose to put clause (c) of the question but put the rest of it.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Central Government consulted the State Government regarding the change of name of the station 'Dalmiapuram' in the Southern Railway into 'Kallakudi';

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the State Government and the communication, if any, received from the Centre in the matter;

(c) * * *

(d) whether the Government propose to grant any compensation to the aggrieved families of the victims in the said agitation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 1552 by the Minister for Agriculture on 22nd March 1955.

(c) * * *

(d) I am answering this clause on the assumption that the Hon. Member is referring to certain incidents which occurred at Dalmiapuram Railway station on 15th July 1953, when the police had to open fire. Two persons, named, Kesavan and Natarajan lost their lives as a result of the gunshot injuries sustained by